

dam that was holding it was weak last summer and they talked to the NRD and the NRD says it is in good shape. I don't know what kind of engineers our NRDs have but surely they should be able to know as much about the dikes as our good friend, Mike Albert, knows. When you talk about a policy statement, I want to know who is going to be writing, who is going to be in on that policy statement? Is there somebody going to be from the area that is going to get flooded and also from the area that you are trying to say that we cannot have water? In other words, you are trying to tell us in one short breath, Senator Schmit is, that we have to go to the Missouri River to get our drinking water, and then the next thing I find out that we are going to be flooded, and I want to know if, and we will be flooded, we are being flooded the worst today that I have ever seen it and I am quite an old man, whether I want to admit I am an old man or not, but the thing of it is, what kind of a policy statement do I expect and last year you came in here and we gave \$40,000 for some additional researcher or something. Yes, we gave \$40,000 for legal counsel, I believe it was, so now what this \$50,000 more, if that is more for legal counsel and if that counsel is going to decide eastern Nebraska is the victim of western Nebraska or where are we going to stand? Could you tell me something about who is going to be on deciding how this thing is going to go and how much money?

SENATOR KREMER: I don't know, Senator Keyes, which \$40,000 you are talking about.

SENATOR KEYES: I think it was two years ago or three years ago, maybe it was.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Can we have a little order, please, in the Legislature? Senator Kremer, they are having difficulty hearing in the back of the Legislature and we would appreciate some quiet, if we could have it. Thank you.

SENATOR KREMER: Senator Keyes, you asked about two or three questions.

SENATOR KEYES: Yes.

SENATOR KREMER: The \$40,000 that I think you are referring to is \$40,000 that was allocated to Paul Douglas, the Attorney General's Office, to hire a person that would acquaint himself with the water problems and be able to defend them as we become involved with other states in interstate problems.

SENATOR KEYES: Yes, Senator Kremer, that is water coming into Nebraska from the west. Has he done anything with that \$40,000? What results have we got except that right now we are flooded from Nebraska water, and in June, I expect to be flooded all over again from that 74 inch ice pack or snow pack setting out in Colorado. I expect the same thing.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Snyder is now on staff and he is the one who is responsible in dealing with Wyoming at this point.